Absolute Rating Excellent Improvement Rating Good

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 7.
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from excellent to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from good to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

Improvement Rating **Absolute Rating** 2001 Excellent Good 2002 2003 2004

PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate Pupil – Teacher Ratio Percent of parents attending conferences Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	96% 19 to 1 66% 4.8
Type of accreditation (More than one may apply)	Not pursuing accreditation Conducting a self-study X State Department of Education X Southern Association of Colleges and Schools National Association for the Education of Young Children
	American Montessori Society

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL	our correct	Lust i cui	inc ours	Concor
Dollars spent per student	\$4,365	N/A	\$5,377	\$5,569
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 86.0%	89.5%	89.6%
 Student-teacher ratio 	19.0 to 1	N/A	18.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=736)				
Attendance Rate	95.5%	Up from 95.4%	95.6%	95.7%
 First graders who attended full day kindergarten 	94.7%	96.2%	96.2%	96.2%
 Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	7.0%	Down from 8.9%	6.9%	5.9%
TEACHERS (n=40)				
 Professional Development days per teacher 	8.6 Days	Up from 6.1	8.0 Days	7.9 Days
Attendance Rate	94.2%	Up from 91.1%	95.1%	95.1%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	32.5%	Down from 41.0%	% 37.9%	40.9%
Continuing contract teachers	72.5%	Up from 66.7%	82.1%	81.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
 Teachers returning from the previous school year 	79.4%	Down from 81.9%	% 89.4%	87.4%
Average teacher salary	\$32,142	Up 4.8%	\$36,150	\$36,605

SCHOOL FACTS

Our School		Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	62.3%	N/A	67.5%	66.3%
 Principal's years at the school 	7.0	N/A	4.0	4.0
 Parents attending conferences 	65.9%	N/A	94.5%	94.5%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	0
With disabilities other than speech	1.0%	Down from 2.0%	2.1%	2.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Oakland Primary, a pre-kindergarten through first grade school, is committed to providing an environment where all children have the opportunity to learn and be successful. Our multicultural population is comprised of students from the rural, western section of Sumter County and Shaw Air Force Base. Oakland's highly trained and dedicated staff utilizes a variety of teaching styles and techniques to ensure that each child receives the individual attention he or she needs in order to succeed. High expectations for academic achievement and behavioral standards are maintained.

Through the use of computers in our classrooms and the computer lab, students are exposed to concepts and skills necessary to achieve and succeed in the 21st century. Title I funds are used to enrich our curriculum and provide students with opportunities that would not be given them otherwise. Oakland's staff is committed to child-centered classrooms where critical thinking and problem solving are daily priorities.

Parental involvement is solicited through our PTA organization, School Improvement Council, Title I Advisory Council and Site-Based Planning Committee. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in supporting all school activities and programs. We have a growing mentor program comprised of individuals from Shaw Air Force Base, the business sector and the local community.

We invite you to visit our school to experience student learning at its best.



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Grades PK-1 Primary School

Enrollment: 736 Students

Principal

Shirley G. Tomlin 803-499-3366

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Dr. Peggy Cain 803-495-2761

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card 2001

School Grade: Excellent

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	89.5	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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